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DISREPUTABLE SALOONS MUST QUIT BUSINESS

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA:

GENTLEMEN: We your petitioners respectfully call your attention to the fact that an unusual and unwarranted condition of affairs exists i nour county as regards the so-called and alleged roadhouses located in various sections of the county, and more especially along San Pablo avenue from Stege Junction to the Alameda county line, in that these so-called and alleged roadhouses are, in our judgment, and as we have every reason to believe, nothing short of immoral dives, gambling houses and general resorts where the laws of the state and ordinances of the county are continually broken and altogether disregarded.

We desire, also, to supplement the recommendations of the Hon. Grand Jury of our county, made to your Hon. Board, along these same lines, and to heartily endorse those resolutions of the Grand Jury, and especially that part of them which advised your Hon. Board not to grant any more roadhouse liquor licenses in this county, and not to renew any when they expired or for any reason were revoked.

We further call your attention to the fact that the disreputable conduct of the said roadhouses along San Pablo avenue from Grand Canyon to the Alameda county line is seriously injuring the name of our city of Richmond and placing it in ill-repute with all law-abiding and reputable citizens as being a community where laws may be broken with impunity, and

As such is not the case, we most earnestly petition your Hon. Board to assist us, and this community, and the whole county, in putting a stop to such unusual, unwarranted and undesirable conditions as regards said roadhouses, so-called and alleged, in any way in your power, and especially by not granting any more liquor licenses to such roadhouses, or any roadhouses whatsoever, alleged or otherwise, along said San Pablo avenue, or any other avenue or street or road or anywhere else in the county of Contra Costa and to not renew any license when it shall expire, or be revoked for any cause, as by our Grand Jury just recommended to your Hon. Board.

And we hereby pledge to you our hearty support in any such reform undertaken by your Board, and in any action taken by you, at any time, along these lines, and to bring to your support in such action the co-operation of a majority of the law-abiding citizens and taxpayers of the City of Richmond, and of the County of Contra Costa,

YOUNG MEN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT LEAGUE, Richmond Cal., Alvin Gerlach, pres., S. K. Skinner, Secty.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA:

GENTLEMEN: It having many times during the past year come to the attention of the undersigned organization and its members that the saloons, cafes and liquor-selling roadhouses of Contra Costa County, and especially those in the sections of the County adjoining and adjacent to the City of Richmond, are not law-abiding, but are disreputable and in every way a discredit and disgrace to this communiay, and to the whola county, and to the government a part of which your Honorable Board is, and so believing, from evidence to us seeming conclusive, we hereby enter our most earnest protest against such condition of affairs pertaining to such roadhouses, cafes and saloons, and petition you to use every effort and measure at your command as a part of our county government to alleviate such unlawful and disreputable conditions, and forever put an end to such law-breaking and disregard of public purity and public policy as is evidenced by these said cafes, saloons and roadhouses.

Our organization of Christian and Temperance Women has every reason to believe, and does so believe, that the said roadhouses, cafes and saloons along San Pablo avenue, from the county line north to the Richmond city limits are in fact places of ill-reputer gambling houses, dance halls, and bawly houses frequented by fallen women and worse men, at which liquor is sold at all hours of the day and night, to men or women, boys or girls, and anyone having the price of same; and where games of chance are played for money; and where immorality is taught and practiced, by frequenters both from this locality and other sections, all in flagrant disobediance of and in utter disregard of the laws of this state and the ordinances of this county and against the statutes in such cases made and provided, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this organization pledge its hearty support to the Board of Supervisors, to the Sheriff, the District Attorney and to all others in authority, to whom all honest honorable, law-abiding citizens look for the enforcement of law and order, and does hereby petition your Honorable Board, and other County Officials to proceed at once to remove this stain upon our name and fame, and to inaugurate in this county, and all parts thereof, a regime of law enforcement which shall be as the laws intend, applicable to all citizens of whatsoever calling, and most assured by including all of said cafes, saloons and roadhouses, on San Pablo avenue and elsewhere throughout this county and under your especial jurisdiction.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, Richmond, Cal., Clara J. Wilson, Pres., Elizabeth J. Kirkpatrick, Secty.

RICHMOND IS FAR AHEAD IN NAVAL BASE CONTEST

That there is strong probability that the Richmond-Albany site will be chosen by the government for the location of a naval base, is quite apparent.

While the News does not undertake to state officially that the Richmond-Albany site will be chosen, or even to intimate that the gentlemen who represent the government have made any statements which could be construed as such, this paper does state that there is no question at all that the Naval Board is strongly impressed with the site mentioned, and more so than over any other.

There are two facts which go a long way to strengthen the belief that the local site is receiving most favorable consideration at the hands of the government representatives.

On Tuesday of the present week the Commission paid the site a visit, and were shown about by President Owens of the Chamber of Commerce, John Nicholl, the well known capitalist and land owner, who has taken much interest in the matter; City Clerk Faris and members of the Industrial Commission.

That this visit was made is of no great importance, as all sites would naturally be visited by the Commission. But it is important that the Commission again visited Richmond on Wednesday of this week, seeking further and more detailed information concerning Richmond, its oil supply as represented by the Standard Oil works; its transportation facilities as represented by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe and the steamer lines; its cheap and ample available lands; its deep water, and its natural advantages in other respects.

And that is not all.

For two or three days men under the direction of the U. S. Naval Commission have been taking soundings and boring to determine the character and the depth of the foundations in the vicitnity.

The important fact in that connection is that this would not be done unless the Richmond-Albany site had scored heavily in every respect.

The members of the examining board have evinced the keenest interest in Richmond, and have shown by the questions they have asked, and their general attitude, that they are at least giving this site their earnest consideration.

The facts and the data presented by the Richmond News in the special Naval Edition issued December 1st interested the members of the Commission greatly, and the claims of the local site as set forth in that edition have been very carefully gone over.

JUSTICE WAS SANDBAGGED

Huh! It just does seem as though justice cannot be obtained anywhere nowdays, and there's no use trying! Take that Elks Court the other night, for instance. Charley Donnelly was being tried for something or other—one of his many crimes—and was found not guilty! Whatd'y know about that? Of course he is guilty. We don't know what the charge was, but he's guilty, anyhow, on general principles, and should have been punished—burned at the stake, or something nice like that. He feigned insanity, though why he feigned it is unknown, as the court must have known he was crazy without any feigning. If he wasn't crazy he wouldn't be a street car man.

And look at the judge on the bench—McKenzie. We are surprised at that man. He can't judge whether a cigar is made in Cuba or San Pablo! And Veale for bailiff! If that an't the limit! What does Veale know about bailiffing? Not a thing. And Wells for clerk—can't even read English writing in as good a Spencerian hand as this editor writes

And fellows like Ormsby and DeLap and Jacobs expounding the law—what do such horned Elk know about law? All they can do is to paw up the paddock They don't know a writ of man damn us from one of dodgast us It's fierce!

Let the law take its course. Justice has been slammed in the slats! Something must be done! Sweep out padded cell No. 'steen thousand!

ANOTHER WAR CLOUD

And now Ben Cook, local editor of the Martinez Standard, butts into the game of bloody warfare existing between this scribe and Harry Hammond of the Byron Times, and, ah is Germany, offers peace negotiations and arbitration, and all that sort of thing. His plan is that each beligerent bring to him samples of good things to eat from each suburban home, so-called ranch, and he is to eat it all, and then eat some more, and then, maybe decide. He hints at hot buscuit, honey, cream and a lot of such things, as correct samples. hat man gives us four pains in as many places all at once. Why, if we fed him any such things as that he would founder his self and die of fatty degeneration of the gastric canal, whatever that is, or something. If he looked one of our hot biscuits in the face it would just naturally go back into dough in sheer chagrin and mortification. Go to! You old bald-headed pair of sheers! After we get Hammond licked we are going to print the secret of your wooden leg, and how it was cut off, and how hollow it is.

The next battle of the ballots at Richmond is to be over the proposition to bond the water district for $2,500,000 for a municipally owned water supply and system, and it promises to be a battle royal. The water commission claims to have a fine proposition and will carry on a campaign of eddcation. It will be strenuously fought by the People's Water Co. and the financial interests which recently reorganized that corporation. Public sentiment ain't sayin' much just yet.

RICHMOND SALOON MEN LOSE AGAIN

Again have the Richmond saloon men been told that the people demand a reduction in the number of saloons in this town, and again have they protested, and sought to sustain their position on the basis that their business is the same as any other business, when it is nothing of the sort.

Last week at the council meeting they were there in numbers, protesting against the raise in the license fee determined upon long ago, and again last meeting night they were there in numbers, again protesting. And so they will always protest. They want a low license and privilege to fill the town up so full of saloons that there will be one on every corner and two or three in the middle.

They also protest against the order to have plain glass fronts, and the doing away with all painted fronts, curtains and blinds. Why? Are they ashamed to let people see what is going on in their places of business? Or are their patrons ashomed to be seen inside? Or is it both? It is probably both. And in this neither is to be blamed. We used to feel that way, too, and know how it is.

But the City Council has heard from the people, and has brains enough to know what the people of Richmond said when they went to the polls at the recent election and voted to have Richmond go dry. When our Hon. Board of City Councilmen see a sign written out in letters six feet high, they can read it—they are not blind. But apparently the saloon men couldn't read a sign if it was printed clear across the sky in letters of fire.

The saloon men assured us all a short time since that they desired to co-operate with the council in the general "clean-up" demanded, but aside from resdluting there is no other evidence of it.

There is only one way to improve saloon conditions in Richmond, and that is to put two-thirds or three-fourths of them out of business once and for all, and then tell the remainder to either behave or suffer like condemnation. There is no use fooling with firebrands. You can't handle coal without getting your fingers black. And you can't make a mansion out of a shanty by building a French mansard roof over it.

Eighty saloons in Richmond, taking in $75,000 a month for booze, while verybody is yelling over the high cost of living, is a joke, or, rather, it is no joke, but a piece of ——— foolishness, and worse.

R. W. Byrn and an auto load of citizens appeared at the last meeting and protested against not raising the license, and Mr. Byrn, representing the Dry Federation and the W. C. T. U., gave notice that unless the raise stood an initiative would be put through at once demanding a raise to $1500 instead of the proposed $600.

"Nuff Sed." The license will stick at $600, and it was so ordered. And then it was further ordered that plain glass fronts be put in at all saloons. Oh! Wow!

STANDARD INCREASES WAGES.

The Standard Oil Company has voluntarily increased the wages of nearly all its employes 5 per cent. Last May an increase of 10 per cent was made. All employes getting less than $250 a month are affected. The increase in pay was accorded by the company because of the increased cost of living. Unskilled labor gets a minimum of $3 a day. About 10,000 men are affected in California.

FREE LECTURE

Mr. H. B. Begun, of Berkeley will lectur at the Unitarian Church on Sixth Street, next to the Post Office this Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Begun will lecture about Bournville, England and the Garden City work of the Cadburys. This is one of the great movements of modern times looking toward social and racial improvement. The lecture will be free to the public

SMALL TAX DELINQUENCY

Out of the $207,000 taxes of the city of Richmond, City Tax Collector Marshall states that there is a delinquency of only about $12,000.

Mrs. Agnes Kreig, district deputy of the Y. L. I., paid the local lodge an official visit Monday evening.

The Richmond Dredging Co. (Wernse et al) seem to be as busy these days as a toad in a tar barrel. When they ain't building something they are digging the bottom out of the sea and spilling it all over the Cutting tract.

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FOR THE MOTHERS AND BABIES.

Dear friends and neighbors of Richmond, here is something which The News thinks is worthy of us all interesting ourselves in and acting upon. Will you kindly read this article through, think it over, and then notify The News what you think about it, and what you are willing to do about it?

We have before us letters and literature just received from the "Children of America's Fund," with headquarters at 42 Mount Vernon street, Boston, explaining the plans under which they are working, and appealing to every city and community in America to help. The object is most worthy, more than usually so, and it should be both the duty and pleasure of every man, woman and child in America to take hold and do what little each can do, which in the aggregate will amount to a vast amount.

We all know the horrible conditions among the masses of the people in the countries and sections ravaged by the wars in Europe, or at least we have read enough about it to grasp some faint idea of the horrors. It is a fact that not only thousands, but hundreds of thousands, of little children and babies have actually starved to death and are today starving to death for the want of food enough to preserve even life itself. This is a fact thoroughly established, and it is awful to contemplate, especially now at this glad Christmas time, when we are all preparing to feast and make merry out of the bountiful supply God Almighty, favorable circumstances, peace and abundance have granted to us.

Friends and citizens of Richmond, this editor does not know how much you feel about this sort of thing, but tell you about us, we would just naturally take the coat off our back, and shirt, too, as far as that is concerned, to prevent any little child or baby in the whole world from starving to death, and we have just mailed the committee a check—not much, but a little, all we can spare and squeeze out—and are going home and tell the wife, and write the daughters that their Christmas presents are going to be cut down half this time, and the difference is going into the fund to buy bread and milk and clothing for little children and babies that are now freezing and starving, and crying their little hearts out because they are so hungry and have nothing to eat. By Golly, folks, we just simply can't stand that sort of thing, you know, and don't believe you can, either, because we have wintered and summered with you now for six years, and know full well that down inside of your crusts there are warm hearts beating.

Great God above us, friends, just stop a moment and consider this! Actually hundreds of thousands of little, cold, ragged, hungry children—babies, many of them—gasping the last breath out of their pinched and skinny little bodies for the want of a loaf of bread and a quart of milk, and a piece of old blanket, or anything of the sort to throw over them to keep out the snow and cold!

And then consider that if help does not arrive quickly not thousands, but millions, of these babies will freeze and starve this long, cold winter, half naked, no food, scattered along the roads and byways for hundreds of miles, living in holes in the ground like wild beasts, gnawing at any old carcass of dead animal found, with famishing mothers likewise fainting and unable to save their little ones!

And then go right on, now, and consider, further, that

Ten cents will give one of these starving little children one more day of life!

Three dollars will give it several months' lease of life!

Thirty dollars will give it a whole year more of life!

If you and I and all the rest of us here in Richmond, now as the glad Christmas time approaches, cannot each give $30, then let us each give the $3, and if we cannot do that, at least let us all, rich or poor, big or little, old or young, gladly give the 10 cents!

Will you give your 10 cents?

Here is the plan upon which the committees of the "Children of America's Fund" are working:

Blanks are furnished the principal and teachers of the schools, and each scholar pledges himself or herself to hustle and really earn five cents, or ten cents, or some such trifling sum, per month for the winter, and turn it in to the teacher, who in turn hands it over to the principal, who remits it to the general committee.

There are over 20,000,000 school children in this country, and over 50,000 of them are now at work on this plan, and we want to get a big ship load of food and clothing off before Christmas, and follow it up every month of the winter!

If our twenty million scholars earn and give ten cents each, it makes $2,000,000 with which to buy food and clothing for these starving, freezing, dying babies!

The best men and women in the United States are at the head of this movement, none of whom charge a cent for their services. The member of the committee for California is David Starr Jordan of Stanford University, and they are all people of like standing.

These starving, dying babies are scattered all over Belgium, Serbia, Armenia, Rumania and other similar countries. The committee now has a fine working system started—a chain which passes the food and clothing quickly from the donor to the poor wretches who need it.

Let us here in Richmond do our part! Let us DO IT NOW!

And we grown folks should do something, also, and not pass it all up to our children! In the first place, let us help the children earn their pennies and nickels, so they can have a prominent part in this goodly and godly work, and then let us swell the amount by at least doubling it!

This will be easy to do. You give up chewing tobacco just one day, and this scribe will give up smoking for a day, and let John Jones do without one drink of booze a day, and Bill Smith stay at home one night instead of going to the movies, and Sarah Ann eat a bun instead of half a pound of candy just for once, and Mrs. Brown or Black or White cut out just one automobile ride and take a street car ride instead—ah, it's no trouble to save a few cents any old time we feel so inclined! And the best of it is that it will be by some real sacrifice, even though it be a small one! That is the real Christmas spirit That is the way the loving Father whose birth in the lowly manger we are now about to celebrate by feasting and dining and banqueting would have us do!

The News will set the example. Will you, dear friends and neighbors here in Richmond, do a little something toward that same good and charitable and Christian end?

Now children, those of you who have no other way to earn that five cents or ten cents each month for the winter, come right in here to The News, and we will furnish you with copies of the paper, fresh off the press, and with printed letters explaining what you are doing, and you sell these newspapers each Friday evening and all day Saturday, or a few minutes, as the case may be, for five cents apiece, and keep all the money you take in, and give it to your school teacher for the "Children of America's Fund. You may have all the papers you want, or Thinkograph Magazines—a hundred, or a thousand, or two thousand, each Friday afternoon and Saturday, and all free—

And, children, (this is on the q. t. between you and us), any man in this town mean enough to refuse to buy a paper for such a cause, at such a time and under such circumstances, you just hand in his name, and, say, kiddies, what we will do to that wop will be a plenty!

P. S.—The News respectfully asks communications from teachers, clergymen and the citizens generally upon this subject.

"PEACE ON EARTH; GOOD WILL TO MEN."

That is what the angels sang, and it is, in effect, a divine command, yet men, like savages and beasts, still are flying at each other's throats, soaking the earth in blood and the world in misery.

And now comes, as a bolt out of a clear sky, Germany's offer of peace negotiations, with suggestions of what it will be willing to consider and to do along such lines.

Under all the existing circumstances, the offer is a fair one, and any country hanging back now against such an offer will deserve and should receive the contempt and condemnation of all mankind.

In this respect a brief consideration of the war situation as it has existed now for two years and a half and exists today is germain to the issue of these peace negotiations as now proposed by the Kaiser. There has not been a day since the war began in August, 1914, but what Germany has had the best of it, and it has the best of it right now. England and all her allies have not been able to even weaken the German defense or stop German victories more than temporarily, and they cannot weaken those defenses today, and will never weaken them. The Central Powers cannot be crushed, as the allies have fondly dreamed, neither in the years of fighting past, now or any time in the future. The entrenched positions of the Germans, the best war experts maintain, cannot be captured or broken through in a hundred years.

On the other hand, the attempt to take Verdun by the Germans, in which they piled up thousands upon thousands of their dead, and made an almost superhuman effort for weeks and weeks, day and night, proved a failure, and must continue to prove a failure. It simply cannot be done by mortal men. And the so-called "drive" by the allies on the Somme front, where veritable hell upon earth was maintained for weeks, day and night, and thousands of tons of monster projectiles were exploded every minute, until the living went crazy and the dead were piled high for miles and miles, was likewise a failure. Nothing was captured or accomplished that warranted one-hundredth part of the horrible sacrifice.

The war is a deadlock. Neither side can win, now or ever. Russia is a great big nothing. England has not demonstrated that it can fight a war for sour apples, or get out of the way of submarines at sea. The best fighting of the war to date has been done by the Germans on one side and the French on the other, and neither side has got anywhere at all, as far as conquering the other side is concerned, and is not going to get anywhere. It is simmered down to wholesale murder on both sides, and worse, with all the attending horrors. Therefore, peace should be welcomed, on most any terms, by all sides, and by the whole civilized world.

And any power that hangs back now when peace is offered should receive the stinging and lasting curse of the peoples of the earth, and all of them.

Germany offers to make peace on the basis of restori g everything practically as it was before the war began, suggesting only that Poland be made into an independent kingdom and that the Balkan situation be adjusted at the peace tribunal negotiations, and the offer, considering all the circumstances, is fair, and should be accepted.

Today's dispatches announce that England is not likely to accept the peace offer, but will continue to push the war to the bitter end.

If it does, then here is one newspaper and editor that hopes earnestly that the end be good and plenty bitter for England, and that she gets licked until she begs for mercy.

With all the earnestness in us we say: Damn all war! Let us have peace—the peace divinely commanded, and of the angels' song—"Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men."

Thinks from the Thinkograph

If you "know it all," you know too much.

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Another Christmas is looming up, and the boys not out of the trenches yet.

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A responsible position sometimes pays less than a good job.

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Some folks sigh for the infinite who really need nothing more than a mild cathartic.

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The most popular scientific achievement just now seems to be getting money.

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Neccessity is not only the mother of invention, but also a lot of hard work.

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Lots of folks are sure they are right, and still they don't go ahead.

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While we may not always want to attend, we generally like to be invited anyway.

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The average voter is more loyal to his party than his party is to him.

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The occupation of mud slinging can also be pursued in dry weather.

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There ought to be a game law against playing the other man's game.

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A jelly fish don't even make good jelly. Moral: Don't be a jelly fish.

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How lonely and wilted the convention decorations look after adjournment.

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A fellow travels quite a ways marching in a political parade without getting anywhere.

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I always get the back of the chicken when there is company. What do you get, the neck?

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There is no reasonable doubt but that it is the politicians who put the bug in bughouse.

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Most bars to success have mirrors and bottles behind them.

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If you do anything of much consequence, you must figure on overcoming much opposition.

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While admitting that I do not know much about war, I opine that it must increase taxes middlin' high.

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A ship without a pilot is like a man without a purpose—the ship needs a navigator—the man needs a wife.

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We often hear the term, "good whisky." There is no such thing, any more than there is a good rotten egg.

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Man may admire a strong-minded woman but that is not the kind he falls in love with. He likes her best the way the Lord made her.

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So many people say "How Are You" to me that sometimes I doubt if they care a darn how I "are."

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A San Francisco woman has been granted a divorce with alimony and custody of the poodle dog.

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Clairvoyants can read minds because the minds of the people who visit them are easy to read.

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California, having put up $33,000,000 for good roads, shortens the distance to Tipperary (and other places) materially.

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One irate subscriber, in stopping his subscription to my local paper, writes that he never reads it, anyway. Don't know him, but bet something valuable that he is a bartender.

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A New Orleans preacher's daughter went into a trance for a week and claims to have visited heaven, and says she saw, among many others, Henry Ward Beecher there. If Henry got through, the rest of us are safe.

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The Thinkograph has a mission and a doctrine, and hews to that line, but intersperses it with numerous little pleasantries, much for the same reason that the sugar coating is put on the pill—hence the above heading.

"If there's a hole in yer coat I read ye tend it; there's a chiel among ye takin' notes an' faith he'll prent it."

Local News and Town Gossip

If you see it in The News it is so, and if you don't see it in The News it didn't happen.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.

The two day food sale and bazaar of the Richmond Club ladies conducted last Saturday evening, was most successful, over $100 being the net result. The credit for the affair is due Mrs. C. Gibson and her able assistants.

BARBERS ELECT OFFICERS

The Barbers' Union has elected officers as follows: F. W. Ritchie, vice-president; H. L. Springer, financial secretary; K. E. Williams, treasurer; W. S. Darrell, recording secretary; A. P. Deima, guardian; trustees A. Caniano, C. G. Tilton, S. Angello, E. Wiese and A. Crwin.

GUESTS OF OAKLAND

Nearly half a hundred members of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce were the guests last Saturday evening of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Oakland. The speaker of the evening was Thomas H. Reed, city manager of San Jose. The Richmond men are all talking about the fine hosts the Oakland boosters are.

FAIR ALWAYS

The News is in receipt of a communication from the Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, recently in session in San Francisco, thanking this paper for its fair and impartial stand concerning the 8-hour day. The News is always fair and impartial.

WILL PROTEST ROAD WORK.

Formal protest against the poor methods employed by the State Highway Commission on San Pablo avenue will be officially presented by merchants who have to make use of the thoroughfare. The highway is encumbered with piles of gravel and is almost impassable.

L. M. and W. A. Deland, father and son, living north of the city, will start in a few days for a trip by automobile to the copper mining regions of Arizona, around Phoenix, to look the country over. They will be gone a month.

WHARF BOOTHS TAKEN.

Many of the booths set aside on the municipal wharf for the celebration New Year's eve have been taken. Applications have been filed by the Elks, Moose, Civic Center Club, Eagles, Redmen, O. R. Ludewig, Pulse Bros., Pacific Sanitary Manufacturing Company, General Roofing Company and the Social Service Bureau.

A CALIFORNIA BOOK

F. W. Sherwood, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, dropped in yesterday and presented this office with a beautiful illustrated booklet on California, just published by his road, and doubtless he would send one to most anyone interested who would write to him, at 22 Powell street, San Francisco.

The book is a work of art and something very nice, showing California in happiest mood, done in colors and worthy of a place on any parlor table. The C. M. & S. P runs from Seattle to Chicago, through a magnificient country, and is some road. They own all those yellow cars you see coming through here frequently.

ROADHOUSES DOOMED

Through the influence of the 1916 grand jury, a great moral wave is sweeping over Contra Costa county, and if the Board of Supervisors take heed to the latest recommendation issued by the inquisitors there will be no more liquor licenses issued to road houses in this county. This was the intent of a resolution adopted by the grand jury on Tuesday.

It is worthy of note, too, that the recommendations made by this year's grand jury have in every instance been received with respect. There has been no apparent waste of energy on the part of the jury and its record marks an epoch-making period in the history of the county.

There is a growing sentiment in favor of the wiping out of disreputable road houses. A death-like silence has fallen over those who have hitherto been boosters for chateaus and counutry clubs, and indications point to Contra Costa taking a position in the front ranks of clean and progressive counties of the State.

In the West End there has been for sveral years past a road house stench which permeated the entire bay section and disgraced the people of this county. But we are going to try to forget that fact, however, as soon as the good people of Richmond make a clean-up. The decent saloon keeping element of that city has declared against immoral places, which means that they must go.—Pittsburg Post.

ELKS' KANGAROO COURT

The Kangaroo Court conducted by the Elks Tuesday evening was a scream. Judge MceKnzie of the Superior Court, presided, and those who attended the trial are of the opinion that he was very lenient with his sentences, as the enormity of the offenses was so stupendous that it was generally conceded that the guilty parties should have been taken over to the Standard Oil works and boiled in oil. By carefully straining the oil afterwards it would have been as good as new, almost.

A. S. Ormsby chief deputy and Thomas Carlson, assistant district attorney, were the prosecutors with Attorney T. H. De Lap and H. E. Jacobs as the defense counsel.

County Clerk J. H. Wells as clerk of court, Sheriff R. R. Veale and Undersheriff W. M. Veale and Don Saliturl also acted in their official capacity. City Treasurer Ira Vaughn was court clerk and collector of fines. He sure took in the money.

The jury was composed of Mayor Garrard, Councilman Wm. Lane, Street Superintendent Hm. Ellis, Clerk A. C. Faris, Chief of Police Walker, Fire Chief Lemoin, Assistant Fire Chief Howard Yeater, J. F. Brooks, Assessor I. E. Marshall Water Commissioner J. B. Willis, Water Commissioner H. E. Wyatt.

The defendants were A. C. Lang Henry Wahl, W. W. Scott, Herman Tuller, C. F. Donnelly, Jack Best Thomas Summers, W. L. Ballenger Attorney Lee D. Windrom, W. S. Pierce and Clare Horner.

The arrangements for the trial were in charge of a committee headed by Constable Arthur Alstrom and including Frank Gordon, J. C. Owens and Roy Selby.

Several of the defendants declare that they will "get" the Judge sooner or later. But all the same all hands had a bully good time.

HARD ROAD FOR NEWSPAPERS

When the membere of the Southern California Editorial association held their convention in Los Angeles resently, Brule Blivin, professor of journalism at the University of Southern California, declared: "Unless the printpaper situation is relieved before long, half the country papers in the United States will have to suspend publication temporarily at least."

Fighting to protect their readers against further increase in the cost of living, the newspepers of the country very generally have borne ift silence the heavy taxes imposed by conditions upon themselves, but it is evident that a crisis is rapidly being reached. When half the country newspapers of the United States are in danger of extinction, the gravity of the situation assumes menacing aspects.

RICHMOND PEOPLE HURT.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nystrom, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nystrom, Melvin, Doris and Harold Nystrom, young children, all of Richmond, and Thomas Miller, a Santa Rosa rancher, were all more or less bruised and lacerated Sunday, when an auto in which they were riding a few miles out of Petaluma, skidded and turned over. All were returned to their homes and their speedy recovery followed. Edward, a 3-year-old son, may have a broken arm. The party were returning from Santa Rosa, where they had been on a visit to the Millers, parents of Mrs. A. J. Nystrom. The fact that they were proceeding slowly and the top of the auto was up, probably saved their lives. Considerable difficulty was experienced getting the heavy machine righted.

The great coffee growing industry of Brazil was started in 1760, when the first coffee tree was planted in that country.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE MERCHANTS

A very important meeting of the Richmond Merchants' Association will be held the night after Christmas—the 26th, in Pulse hall.

A number of matters in which the business men are vitally interested will be discussed, and it is earnestly urged that every member and every retail merchant attend.

The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock.

In the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California.

Denis Malone, Plaintiff, vs. John Sebydlo, Defendant.

No. 7204, Dept. one.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and the Complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of said County of Contra Costa.

The People of the State of California send greeting to John Sebydlo, defendant.

You are hereby directed to appear, and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment against you for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, this 18th day of September, A. D. 1916.

(SEAL) J. H. WELLS, Clerk.
By F. J. Barnard, Deputy Clerk.

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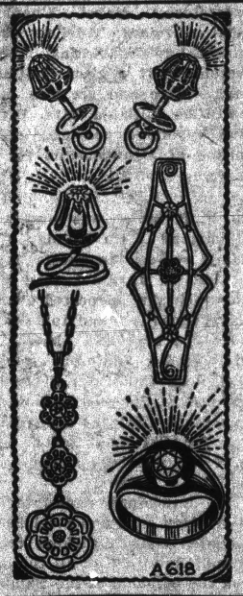

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Churches

TRINITY CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).

Corner of Washington and Nicholl avenue, Point Richmond. Sunday, Dec. 17, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school in Moose Hall; 10 a. m., Sunday school in the church. 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and address (The Model Prayer. Monday, Dec. 18, 7:45 p. m., choir practice at the church. Tuesday, Dec. 19, Guild tea and sale of work of the church. 7:30, Boy Scouts' meeting. Rev. Charles Hitchcock.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sunday school will meet next Sunday morning at 9:45, E. D. Murphey, superintendent. The morning church service will begin at 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Price." The B. Y. P. U. will hold a good meeting at 6:30 p. m. Come and enjoy it. The evennig church servce commences at 7:30 p. m. Beginning this Sunday night the pastor will conduct a Question Box service every third Sunday night in the month. The questions discussed Sunday night will be: Are all parts of the Bible equally inspired? Why did God create Satan? Shall we recognize our loved ones in Heaven? How could God punish His innocent son for man's guilt? Is there any hope for a backslider? Is baptism necessary for salvation? Why don't God destroy Satan? What rules can one follow to make a success in the Christian life? How do you know God answers prayer? How should a Christian select amusements? Next Wednesday at 7:30 the Bible study and prayer service will be held. The subject for study will be "Satan's Career," illustrated by large chart. Don't miss these important services.

A dance will be given Friday evening by El Cerrito council of the Modern Order of Praetorians. The committee: Judge Huber, T. R. Curry and Thurston Stark.

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Mrs. Helen Gorman, an officer of St. Elizabeth Court of Foresters has been appointed a delegate to the triennial convention of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters at Milwaukee next August. Mrs. Marie Burley was elected alternate.

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W. J. Earl, of the Pacific States Savings & Loan Society, has gone to Martinez for the company until the first of the year.

Waverly, son of E. M. Tilden, the lumber dealer, has returned to his home, fully recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

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The Loyal Order of Moose of Richmond has invited many of the Moose lodges about the bay to take part in the Richmond New Year Eve. celebration.

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The Richmond Belt Line Railway, used by the S. P. and the Santa Fe, showed a net profit for the year ending June 30 of $29,114.

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Mrs. E. S. Martinez of Richmond, aged 56 years, died at Martinez Tuesday night following an abdominal operation.

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Members of the First Presbyterian Ladies' Aid have made a lot of quilts for the church orphanage at San Anselmo. The orphanage is in great need of bedding and clothing.

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The Panama-Pacific road house has been raided again. This time two women from the Mother Hubbard district were arrested and taken to jail at Martinez, charged with vagrancy. They are Jennie Cross and "Billie" Sanford.

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The Modern Woodmen of America are planning for a special smoker on the occasion of the installation of the new officers January 19. On the 19th of December a turkey whist party will be given.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. A. R. has elected officers as follows: Mrs. Rose Griffins, president; Mrs. Joella Bonham, senior vice; Mrs. John Galvin, junior vice; Mrs. M. Quigley, treasurer; Mrs. Kitty Tyler, chaplain; Mrs. Ivy Dietrich, conductress; Mrs. May Cunningham, guard.

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The marriage of Ralph Pennington, assistant scout master, and Miss Nellie Hackett, who recently came from Indiana, took place at the First Methodist church, Oakland, Tuesday. Hugh Wood was best man. In the bridal party were Gladys and Lulu Pennington, Mrs. Pennington and Miss Harriett Allen. Rev. Frank Linder officiated. Both the young people are very popular.

SOCIALIST MEETING.

State Organizer W. B. Patterson of the Socialist party, who has been holding meetings in this section of the state lately, and who a few days ago held a big one at Martinez, will be in Richmond and hold a meeting Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., at Labor Temple in the Polytechnic College building at 4th and Macdonald. Professor Marvin Sanford of Oakland will also speak at the meeting, and as both these gentlemen are very interesting talkers it will be well worth while attending. The lectures are free and everybody is invited. O. J. Gibbons promises that he will not make a speech if our people will be present, which is an added inducement. Let's go.

DREDGING BEGUN.

Dredging on the work of deepening the channel to the municipal wharf has begun. This means that Richmond will soon be open to the ports of the world.

At the meeting of the Richmond Rebekahs No. 306, in Pythian Castle, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Buelah Tiller, Noble Grand; Emma Harvey, vice grand; Margaret Shea, recording secretary; Mabel Chapman, financial secretary; Adeline Clark, treasurer; Lueiah Whiting, trustee. On December 21 a class initiation will take place and six new members will be initiated. Mrs. B. Tiller was appointed chairman of the committee of arrangements for the event.

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Mrs. F. P. Stultz was hostess at the Richmond Club Monday afternoon and served the guests luncheon. Mrs. R. L. Stout read a paper in which she advocated a municipal Christmas tree and told of how it should be managed. Mrs. C. E. Smedley read a humorous story on "Dinkelspiel's Christmas Shopping," and Mrs. R. L. Spiersch and Mrs. H. W. Lunceford displayed a unmber of designs for Christmas gifts, which many of the members copied.

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H. W. Lunceford, superintendent of the Western Pipe and Steel Horks, has donated enough turkeys to the Richmond Club to feed all the children on the occasion of the Sunshine Day dinner to be given by the club to the poor children of the city next Monday. C. S. Gibson, a Standard Oil employe, has also donated a substantial amount, and many other donations are coming in.

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The Richmond Club will entertain a large number of children on December 18th with a dinner and program. Invitations have been sent out to over a hundred children that otherwise will not have any Christmas cheer. Those in charge are Mrs. F. C. Schram Mrs. Charles Arn, Mrs. A. W. Faber, Mrs. Chas. Johnson and Mrs. D. J. Hall.

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On Friday evening there will be a dance under the auspices of the High School, with a Christmas tree. The committee: Decoration, Grover Milnes, Evelyn Payne, Regina Ardery, Edward Peres and Gerald Follett; arrangements, George Peres, Bayard Lang, Duncan Jennings, Frank Radcliffe, Frank Wolf and Franklin Brooks.

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Richmond is not the only place where the saloons are being given short shrift. Up in Martinez John Bachman will not get a renewal of his license. He has been misconducting the Fairview house. The contention was that he was not a proper person to conduct a saloon. Maybe some of these non-law abiding saloon men will get some sense into their heads sometime.

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Mrs. Francis H. Russo of San Pablo died Sunday following a Caesarian operation Friday for the birth of her eleventh child. Besides a husband she leaves eight living children.

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L. Brusactore, a San Francisco artist and decorator, has put the finishing touches on the altar Father Porta is having installed in the Catholic church at San Pablo.

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Otto Keller, of the One Minute Chop House, takes an egg and makes it stand alone on end. Columbus is the only other man that ever did this, and he is dead.

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The Maccabees will hold a turkey whist party on the 22nd at A. O. U. W. hall, followed by dancing. The committee: O. H. Bennie, F. W. Hess, O. J. Dahl and F. G. Shach.

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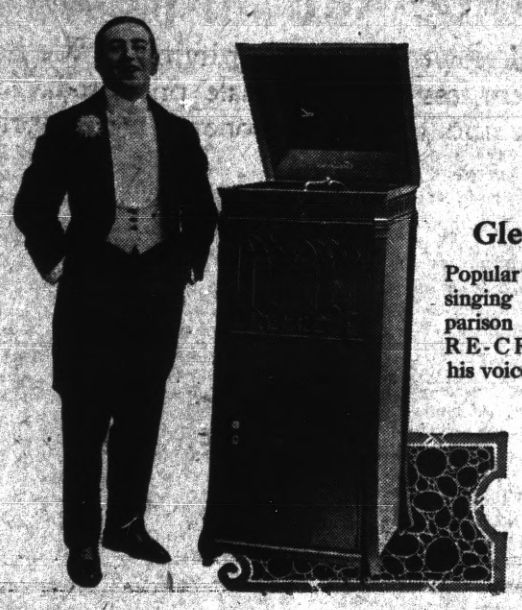
A delightful surprise party was given Miss Marie Kane last Saturday evening, when a score of her young friends called. Dancing, games and music served to make the evening most enjoyable.



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The audience was startled. Two voices had been heard. Which belonged to the living singer and which to Edison's new invention defied detection. Now the baritone sang and now he was silent. Only by watching his lips could one tell whether he was singing or whether his voice came from the instrument at his side.

Read what the New York Mail Critic says of Music's Re-Creation:

"Madame Marie Rappold, of the Metropolitan Opera House, and Thomas A. Edison's new phonograph both sang. They sang a few measures in unison, then the singer ceased, but her beautiful voice continued to fill the hall. Again she joined her voice with its phonographic Re-Creation, and again grew silent. The ear could not tell when it was listening to the phonograph alone and when to actual voice and reproduction together."

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With but little deviation from the popular American game, baseball is played in Russia, but there it is known as lutka.

Ham and spuds, which are worth money, will be the prizes at a whist party to be given by the K. of P. uniform rank on the evening of the 20th. Those who don't like the prizes may have a $3 merchandise order. Refreshments will be served.

The protests of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce against the slow progress of the Highway Commission in improving San Pablo avenue near Stege, have brought responses from Governor Johnson and the Commission. Both sources have promised to get a move on.

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Colored Dress Goods Section—First Floor.

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If you have put off your toy buying as late as this, do not delay it any longer. It is obvious that you can bear disappointment in any other line of holiday goods rather than the toys. So much depends on your selection of just the right thing the little one wants that you cannot afford to lose another minute.

You will find our section little affected, if any, by lack of shipments from abroad. There is every toy you can think of to be had just for the mentioning. We will reserve your selections until you desire us to send them. Make your choices early in the week and leave it to us to guard you against any disappointment.

Toy Section—Third Floor.

The Free Market Grocery Dept.

Is going to lower the price of living. We have the goods and can sell them less than wholesale prices today. We want to reduce stock and turn into money. These prices are good from Saturday, Dec. 16, until Saturday night, Dec. 23. No phone orders taken at these prices. Come in and get them.

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12 cans Del Monte 2½-lb solid pack Tomatoes, worth today	1.50	1.35
12 cans Del Monte 3-lb solid pack Tomatoes, worth today	1.65	1.50
12 cans Libby Spanish Tomatoe Sauce, worth today	.53	.55
12 cans Kanreli Spanish Tomato Sauce, wrth today	.55	.55
12 cans Del Monte Spanish Tomato Sauce, worth today	.55	.55
12 cans Sugar Peas, worth today	1.15	1.10
12 cans Del Monte Sugar Peas, worth today	1.35	1.40
12 cans Princess Peas, worth today	1.50	1.60
12 cans Del Monte Petit Pois Peas, worth today	2.00	6 for 1.10
12 cans All Gold Petit Pois Peas, worth today	2.00	6 for 1.10
12 cans Cottage Corn, worth today	1.30	1.05

25c can Asparagus today	20c
25c can Shrimps	2 for 45c
20c can Asparagus	15c
3 cans Milk, any kind	25c
3 cans Salmon	25c
3 cans Oysters	25c
3 cans Minced Clams	25c
3 cans Ripe Olives	25c
2 cans Table Peaches	25c
10 lb can Lard Compound, Swift's Best	$1.75
25c can Herseys Cocoa	15c
30c can Guittard's Pure Chocolate	25c
6 pkgs Domino Matches	25c
2 cans Dutch Cleaner	15c
10 bars Crystal White Soap	37c
10 bars Big Ox Soap	37c
10 bars White Bear Soap	37c
10 bars Sunny Monday Soap	37c
10 bars Toilet Soap	35c
6 cans Cleanser	25c
25c box Gold Dust	20c
25c box Pearline	20c
5 rolls Toilet Paper, extra	25c
Crisco	35c, 70c and $1.35
65c can Karo Syrup	59c
2 pounds Choice Coffee	45c

49 pound sack Bread Flour	$2.00
15 lbs Cane Sugar (with each)	1.00
3 1-2 lbs of 30c Coffee	1.00
11 lbs Pink Beans	1.00
11 lbs Bayo Beans	1.00
3 lbs Pearl Tapioca	25c
3 lbs Pearl Barley	25c
5 lbs Rolled Oats	25c
5 pounds Wheat Flakes	25c
2-lb square Creamery Butter	79c
2-lb square Oleomargarine	60c
12 select Ranch Eggs, doz	45c
4 lbs Macaroni	25c
5 lbs Calif. Rice	25c
2 cans Sauerkraut	15c
3 lbs Sure Pop Pop Corn	25c
5 lbs Santa Clara Prunes	50c
5 lbs Fancy Black Figs	55c
3 bottles Primrose Salad Oil	1.00
50c quality Teas, any kind, per lb	39c
2 lbs Libby's Finest Mince Meat	35c
The finest Olive Oil, quart at	55c, 60c, 65c, 70c
20c size Del Monte Catsup this week	15c
45c can Maple Syrup	39c
2 boxes Bird Seed, 1 box gravel	25c
35c can Crab, the best	29c

We have thousands of other items space does not permit us to mention.

BECKHAUS, The Pocketbook's Friend

A. E. Frose of Richmond gave an Oakland taxi-driver $10 instead of a 50-cent piece Wednesday night. Frose trinks the man froze onto the money.

A lot of streets are being improved in the Canal Subdivision, and many more elsewhere, which keeps Supt. Chapman busy earning his Christmas turkey dinner.

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SOME BABY.

Mrs. J. Ferguson, wife of a Standard Oil foreman, gave birth Sunday to a son, who tipped the scales at 14 pounds. Dr. C. R. Blake, the attending physician, says it is the largest baby that ever came to his notice. Mother and child are getting along nicely. The father isn't doing so bad, either.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH BAIAAR

The laides of the First Christian Church have a bazaar scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 934 Macdonald avenue. Many articles suitable for gifts will be displayed, and refreshments will be served. The proceeds will go towards the new church building.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Pietro Accornero, Plaintiff, vs Angela Accornero, Defendant.

No 7301, Dept. No. 2.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Csta, State of Californa, and the Complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of said County of Contra Costa.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO ANGELA ACCORNERO, Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO APPEAR, and answer the Complaint in an action entitled as above brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere. This action is brought to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between Pietro Accornero, the above named plaintiff, and Angela Accornero, the above named defendant upon the ground of wilful desertion.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment against you for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, this 27th day of November, A. D. 1916.

J. H. WELLS, Clerk.

By C. S. WELLS, Deputy Clerk.

(SEAL OF THE COURT)

David Cameron, 707 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, California, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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NEW PICTURE BY BOWEN

Frank Bowen, who makes the sketches for The Thinkograph, has just made us a Christmas present of a pen sketch he made which is a masterpiece of the kind, and we are going to have it framed and give it the place of honor above the editorial rolltop. It is the head of Christ, pictured as in prayer, and shows artistic skill that is hard to beat. It is a picture that sort of grows upon one. At first we did not exactly fancy it, for some reason or other, indescribable, but now, after glancing up at it many times a day, we are much attached to it, and prize it very highly. Occasionally after some bonehead has been in the sanctum, and we have had a cussing match with him and are all het up, as it were, under the collar, we sit down and look up at that picture of Christ in prayer, and feel sort of ashamed of ourself. Some day, maybe, we will learn how to pray, instead of swear, and then when some obstreperous geek gives us a deep-seated pain we will simply glance up at the picture and say: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Anyhow, it is a fine picture, and Mr. Bowen has the editorial thanks until we can hand him something more substantial.

JOY RIDERS' HURT

"Billie" Sanford and Nellie Gross, women of the half world, accompanied by Louis Zolo and A. H. Jhrorso, were victims of an auto accident near Clinton and San Pablo avenues Wednesday night. The Sanford woman will probably die, as she has a fractured skull and internal injuries. The other woman has a fractured jaw and facial lacertions, while Zolo is similarly hurt. Jhrorso, who was driving was not badly hurt. He admits that they were speeding and that the machine turned over when they started around a corner. The two woman were under a suspended sentence for vagrancy.

Drs. Abbott operated upon the Sanford woman, but say her chances for recovery are slight.

HER DRESSING TABLE

Maybe there is some little toilet necessity that the only girl in the world hasn't on her dressing table. If, by adroit questioning or some real detective work, you can discover what the missing article is, you can make the hit of your life by seeing that this want is supplied. Poulson, the jeweler at 909 Macdonald avenue, has the prettiest line of silver novelties and toilet necessities that you ever saw.

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If you desire to send a box of Mrs. Roff's figs and raisins to an Eastern friend, you had better jump lively. Pulse has sold nearly 1000 boxes, and he says the supply is running low. So shop early, so they will get there in time. Pulse Bros. will attend to the shipping for you.

FOR THE MAN

There is or ought to be a man in every family, and this means a gift problem for the gentler sex. Go to Winfree with a problem and he will solve it. Just look his adv. over in this issue and see all the nice things that men and boys like.

Supt. Brewer of the Western States G. & E. Co. is going to put up a few more arc lights here and there, by direction of the Hon. Council. Brewer is great on throwing light into dark places. We move he turn a searchlight on to Hull, Milnes and Galvin.

And now the Independent shows its wares put ɯoɹɟ ʇɐʍ ǝɥʇ water commission is forcing burdens upon the taxpayers. Last week it was the Reckless Herald that had watery brain, but the Independent can't get that, besause there first has to be a brain to get watery. What's ailing you fellows, anyhow? Come on down here and we will set 'em up to a drink of water—with a stick in it.

Richmond Odd Fellows have appointed a committee to arrange for a Christmas tree for the benefit of the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs and their friends. The Rebekah committee consists of Mrs. T Edgar, Mattie Anderson and Adelaide Clark; for the Odd Fellows R. E. Redman, E. G. Alexander, E K. Weise, Fred Manning and Carl Jungstrom. The date has not been set.

News Items From Here and There

At Our Lady of Mercy Church's bazaar, Miss Carrie Ellsworth won the big doll.

Miss Julia O'Rourke was hostess for the "Young Ladies Club" a few evenings ago. The young ladies had as guests a number of their gentlemen friends and a pleasant evening was spent with games and dancing.

In competition with several hundred gymnastic pupils at Berkeley Miss Ildine Adams, daughter of Mrs. Charles Adams, and Miss Althea Townsend, a high school girl of Richmond, were awarded prizes for their good work.

Nio Dante Order of Owls will hold a grand ball at Lafayette park, Stege Junction, on the evening of December 23.

Rev. Frank Linder, pastor of the Wesley Methodist church spoke at the meeting of the Parent Teachers Association Tuesday afternoon, at the Lincoln school on "Our Boys". The program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. W. E. Cunningham and Mrs. H. A. Stiver.

The high school basketball team was defeated by the U. C. 130-pound team by the score of 39 to 32 in a fast game held in he Richmond gym. The next game will be played with San Rafael on Friday night December 22.

Wednesday afternoon, December 13, Mrs. Arthur Howard, president of the Ladies' Aid society of the Wesley Methodist church, entertained the society at her home, 1451 Sixth street. Mrs. E. L. Jones, Mrs. Beckerley, Mrs. E. D. Gray and Mrs. L. C. Moody assisted Mrs Howard in entertaining.

The friends of Miss Muriel Fitzgerald gathered at her home on Maine street and gave her a surprise party on her birthday.

Mrs. N. M. White, of Richmond has been in San Francisco lately recuperating from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright accompanied by their daughter Miss Abbie, has returned from a trip in the east. Mrs. Wright is greatly improved in health after having been quite ill in North Carolina.

A reading club organized by the Freshmen girls of the Richmond high visited the Joaquin Miller home in the Piedmont hills a few days ago. Irene Lucas is president of the club and Viva Miller, vice-president and Mildred Fraser, secretary-treasurer.

Richmond's playground commission became an entity Monday evening when the Council appointed the following-named as members of the Board: J. O. Ford, Frank Gardner, and Dan Nozigalia. The ex-officio members are Mayor Garrard and School Superintendent Helms.

Miss Louise McLaughlin was hostess Monday evening of the Hui Umi club at the Kirby hotel. Cards and refreshments made the evening pass very pleasantly.

Some day we are going to get Dr. Caesar to saw off our leg, so it won't get pulled so much.

One woman killed, another one and a man seriously hurt, in an auto accident near Suisun this week. And three in Richmond. The war still is ahead a little in the killing, though, but maybe the autos will catch up.

And now New York's clothing workers have gone on strike for an eight-hour work day. Next thing we know everybody will be getting an eight-hour day except of course, editors.

The Richmond Imp. Co. is going to build sidewalks, curbs and gutters along 23rd street from where the present paving leaves off to the end of the city limits, by order of the city council.

George Wall is seeking a restraining order in the hope of preventing the removal of the city hall from his tract to the new building recently erected in the Burg tract.

The Sons of St. George will hold a Christmas tree and entertainment on the evening of the 20th in Woodmel hall. The committee: F. Thompson, T. Beard, W. Murray, F. Powell and A. Payne.

All of the rock and gravel necessary for the construction of the new Christian church has been donated by the San Pablo Quarries Company, and the Oakland-San Francisco Terminal Railway Company will haul it free of charge.

A very enjoyable turkey dinner was served Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Donnelly. The guests: Mr and Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Jack Kane Mrs. M. Ravini, and Mr. and Mrs. George Goldstein of San Francisco; Mrs. Clara Berry, Miss Bessie Donnessl, W. F. Patton, Eugene Schafer, George Valencia, Martin Kane and Walter Kracke.

Macdonald avenue, the main business street of Richmond, is to be lighted with electroliers, provided the proposition made by the Western States Gas and Electric company is accepted by the City. The company agrees to furnish the electroliers, provided the city will contract to take juice from the company for three years at $4.50 per month per light.

Hereafter Richmond saloon men will pay a license of $600 a year, or just double what they pay at present. Also the fronts of their places of business must be of clear glass, so that passers by may see who is inside. It is possible also that back rooms, chairs, and all forms of amusement in the saloons will be done away with. Action looking to the reforms mentioned was taken by the City Council Monday night.

Maple Camp, Royal Neighbors, was visited Monday night by Mrs. Eva Childs and Mrs. Clara Richards, grand managers of the order. They are from the East and upon their arrival here they were shown about the city and given an informal reception and supper. During the supper addresses were made by Mrs. Anna L. Barry, state deputy; Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Richards Mrs. Minnie Hickock, oracle; and H. V. Reese, deputy head consul of the Woodmen.

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Bill Davis' Billiousness

A Placerville girl married a fellow named Stinger. With so many people being stung in their matrimonial ventures, the young lady showed nerve.

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Judge Sharp of San Jose and Arabella Joy of New Work were wed at San Jose last week. It is hoped that the joy of the occasion will not be less sharp, just because the Judge is 82 and his blushing bride 52.

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When I hear a woman shopper kick at the price of canned tomatoes and then pay four-bits for a face massage, my naturally plastic heart becomes of the consistency of concrete.

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I am not in sympathy with the peace-by-petition folks. Not because I am not for peace, but because I think it useless to merely ask people in deadly combat to cease firing. If you happen to see me battling with somebody and you desire to stop it, kindly hold the other fellow.

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Mayor Davie of Oakland left a meeting of one of the city's commissions Monday night because members of the press were not permitted to be present. Whether Davie was making a grand stand play I do not know, but I do know that any meeting of a public body at which the press is not free to be on hand, ought not to take place.

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The British terms of peace to Germany contemplate the disarmament of the entire Prussian machine the destruction of the entire German navy and the whole of its artillery. The breweries and sourkraut factories are to be allowed to run.

Several cases of typhoid fever have developed in the construction camp of the men engaged in building the new dam for the People's Water Company. The threatened epidemic is well under control, however, and the men afflicted will recover. The men were using water from a creek near the camp, which is seven miles from where Richmond's water supply originates.

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AUTOMOBILES AND BOOZE, DEATH AND DAMNATION

The State Motor Vehicle Department announces that 195 persons died in automobile accidents in October in California. For July, August and September 252 were killed. This makes 3.1 persons killed every day in this state—a truly frightful record. Something radical must be three months in auto accidents. Why, done to stop the slaughter. Four hundred and forty-seven killed in man, if it was booze that had killed that number, there would be such a hue and cry that every saloon and grogshop in the state would be wiped out. But must we wipe out the automobile industry? Of course, Franklin Hichborn may be expected to come forward with some figures to show that twice 447 were really killed by booze.—Byron Times.

And for fear that Mr. Hichborn does not make such an assertion, the News will just butt in long enough to remark that of the said 447 killed in the said automobile accidents, a goodly percentage of the killed, or those who killed them, of both, were primed to the top notch with booze or they would not have been killed. The prime cause of a very large percentage of the deaths by autoing is the well known mixture composed of equal parts of gasoline, whisky, skirts and roadhouses.

Good Show At Pantages

News of Von Bethmann-Hollweg's proposals of peace went further than even the flop in United States Steel stock—it has created a flurry on the theatrical market. Two days ago a German act could not obtain bookings on any of the larger circuits, playing in Canadian theaters as well as American. Some of the best acts in vaudeville consequently went begging.

What Christmas Seals Do.

Every Red Cross Christmas seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life.

They provided for many visiting nurses whose hundreds of thousands of visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients.

They helped to maintain dispensaries in scores of cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice.

They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis.

They have established and helped to maintain more than 300 open air schools for children who need open air treatment.

These are just a few of the ways in which the hundreds of thousands of dollars received last year were expended.

This year much more is needed. Surely any one can help by buying at least ten seals.

The Yuletide Cynic.

Thank heaven, it isn't only the aristocrat who can have a family tree at Christmas!
Be Christmas white or Christmas green,
It's all the same to you
If Christmas finds you all serene
And doesn't make you blue.

It doesn't take a magician to transform a small boy into a turkey gobbler.

When Santa Claus comes down the chimney he chases many a man up the spout.

It's the vanity of the sex that prompts the female turkey to wonder how she is going to be dressed for the Christmas dinner.

Inquests have to be held on treasure trove in England as well as on bodies and London fires.

DENVER, Colo.—The signing of a new schedule between the employing plaster contractors and the Building Laborers' Union is the second advance secured during the year of 25 cents. This brings the increase up to 50 cents a day, the other 25 cents having been conceded earlier in the year.

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MILWAUKEE.—The validity of the city's eight-hour day ordinance, which provides that the work day for city employes, as well as for employes of contractors doing city work, shall not exceed eight hours, was upheld by the State Supreme Court at Madison.

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JERSEY CITY, N. J.—The "strike and win" slogan with which 800 employes of the Crucible Steel Company walked out prevailed against efforts to break the strike. In three days they returned for 10 per cent more wages and the removal of an objectionable foreman.

CAUSES OF POVERTY.

Fifty per cent of the workmen of California are out of employment at some time during the year, as compared with 8 per cent in Germany, according to a statement by Dr. Philip King Brown, before the State Social Insurance Commission. He added that there are 75,000 casual workers in the state and that their presence is a menace to public health at the time they are not employed.

This assertion was looked upon as a most important one, but it was nothing as compared with the statement by Professor Alvin S. Johnson of the political science department of Stanford, who said:

"Normal families of workingmen cannot live on less than $800 a year in California. The average income is below that sum.

"Very few workers have a reserve fund of even $60 to meet illness.

"The workers and their families live from hand to mouth because their wages are insufficient to make savings possible.

"Illness of the wage-earner in the family is the predominant cause that sends them to charitable institutions."

Both these were reinforced by A. J. Pillsbury of the State Industrial Accident Commission, who placed the causes of poverty in California in their relative importance as follows:

First, illness; second, unemployment; third, industrial accidents; fourth, premature death of the family wage winner.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

No. 19109, Dept. 9.

In the Matter of the Estate of GIUSEPPE COCCELLATO, also sometimes known as Joseph Coccellato, deceased.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

Under authority of an order of sale granted by the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the City and County of San Francisco, duly given, made, entered and filed on the 23rd day of October, 1916, I, the undersigned administrator of the estate of Giuseppe Coccellato, also sometimes known as Joseph Coccellato, deceased, will sell at private sale all the right, title and interest of the above named deceased in and to the following described real property situate, lying and being in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All of Lot Number Ten (10) in Block Number Three (3) of the Richmond Boulevard Tract, as said lot and block are designated upon a certain map entitled "Map of Resurvey of Lots Number 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22, of the Richmond Boulevard Tract," being a portion of Lot No. 79 of the Final Partition of the San Pablo Rancho, which said map was filed in the office of the County Recorder of said Contra Costa County on the 28th day of January, 1908, to which map reference is hereby made.

The sale will be made on or before the 12th day of December, 1916, and bids will be received at the office of John J. Mazza, 504 Bank of Italy Building, San Francisco, California.

The terms of sale are, that the propoerty will be sold to the highest bidder for cash gold coin of the United States, 10 per cent of the bid payable at the time of sale and the balance upon the confirmation of said sale by said Court.

Dated November 20, 1916.

MICHELE COCCELLATO,
Administrator of said Estate.
JOHN J. MAZZA, Attorney for Administrator.
First publication, Nov. 24, 1916.
Last publication, Dec. 8, 1916.

SUMMONS.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF the County of Contra Costa, State of California.

Conradina Mosely, plaintiff, vs Ernest E. Mosely, defendant.

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and the complaint filed in the office of the Clerk of said County of Contra Costa.

The People of the State of California send Greeting to Ernest E. Mosely, defendant:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this County; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgment against you for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1916.

J. H. WELLS, Clerk.
By S. WELLS, Deputy Clerk.
W. D. GRADY, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

State and County Taxes for the Fiscal Year 1916-1917.

Office of the Collector of State and County Taxes, Martinez.

Notice is hereby given that I have received from the Auditor of Contra Costa county the Duplicate assessment book for the fiscal year 1916-1917, and

That the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one-half of the taxes on real property, will be due and payable on the

Third Monday in October, 1916,

and will be delinquent on the first Monday in December next thereafter, at six o'clock p.m., and that unless paid prior thereto fifteen per cent will be added to the amount thereof, and that if said one-half be not paid before the

Last Monday in April, 1917,

at six o'clock p. m., an additional five per cent will be added thereto. The remaining one-half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the

First Monday in January, 1917,

and will be delinquent on the

Last Monday in April,

next thereafter, at six o'clock p. m., and unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

That all taxes may be paid at the time the first installment, as herein provided, is due and payable.

That payment of taxes must be made at the office of the Tax Collector, in the town of Martinez.

MARTIN W. JOOST,
Tax-Collector Contra Costa County.
Nov. 13, 1916.
Apr. 25, 1917.

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Local News and Gossip

HEALTHY RICHMOND.

The monthly report of Health Officer Blake shows that Richmond is singularly free from contagion, infection or any condition opposed to health and happiness. There were but five deaths among the residents. What speaks volumes for our milk and water supply is the fact that there were no death of infants under two years of age, and only one death under 40 years of age. Of the twenty cases of milk examined, 18 were found to be above the required average, but two being under. There was but one case of diphtheria, two scarlet fever, and one of chicken pox—all mild. If there is in all of California a city of the age and the population of Richmond that can show so good a report, well—there isn't.

HOW ABORT IT?

County Treasurer J. Rio Baker has been sending taxpayers' checks to San Francisco and getting in return for the paper perfectly good gold. This week he received $25,000 in the yellow stuff. Every now and again he gets this glitter after sending down a bunch of checks big enough to choke a sewer. During the recent tax-paying period Mr. Baker deposited some $300,000 in San Francisco banks.

That may be all right, but in passing, and incidentally, and with no desire at all to be impertinent but merely by way of seeking information, what's the matter with doing some of that business with Richmond banks, or Martinez banks, or some of the other various and sundry banks scattered throughout the county?

Countless.

"I was reading the other day where a scientist found over 10,000,000 germs on a single dollar bill."

"Gee whiz! I wonder how many he could find on a hundred dollar bill?"—New York World.

CHILDREN'S SUNSHINE DAY

December 18th has ben designated as Sunshine Day at the Richmond Club, when the ladies in charge will be glad to entertain the poor children of the city who have little hope of any Christmas cheer. They will be glad to be informed of any such. The committee: Mrs. F. C. Schram, Nrs. Charles Arn, Mrs. A. W. Faber, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. D. J. Hall.

TO BE BURIED IN IRELAND.

Because of her expressed wish that she be buried beside the body of her husband in the mountain overlooking Lake Killarney, the body of Mrs. Ann Pillow will be shipped to County Armagh, Ireland, in a steel-bound casket, Saturday. The deceased, who had lived in Richmond eleven years, was 81 years old at the time of her death. She leaves a son and three daughters.

SANITARY RICHMOND

The monthly report of Sanitary Inspector Wyatt shows our food supply comes from cleanly and healthful sources. The sewer system is being connected with rapidity. Thirty five nuisances have been abated. Of the ten restaurants examined all were found to be cleanly. Of the meat supply, a hog from Max Korn at the county line was condemned, and one beef liver. During November 47 rats were caught and one building condemned.

FORESTERS INSTALL

St. Elizabeth Court of Foresters have installed new officers as follows: Chief Ranger, Mrs. Helen Gorman; vice-chief ranger, Mrs. Margaret Crary; financial secretary, Mrs. Helen Collins; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald; treasurer, Mrs. E. Byrn; trustees Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. McDonough, and Mrs. Burley; inside sentinel, Mrs. Mary Malone; outside sentinel, Miss Mary McGrath; conductress Mrs. Johanna Selvy and Mrs. Angela Fitzpatrick.

RICHMOND'S CELEBRATION

Richmond invites all this section of the state and especially the bay region, to participate in the big celebration it is to pull off as a New Year fete. It is going to be "something different," and not along old sterotyped lines. It is to last two days and nights and there will be something doing every minute. Ample funds are being provided and all records are going to be broken. It is in celebration of the big harbor improvements, the municipal highway, tunnel and wharf, all of which have cost a million, and mean the opening of the Richmond maritime door to the big shipping interests of the world. Everybody is invited and it's all free—it is Richmond's treat.

PROSPERITY FOR RICHMOND.

Richmond confidently looks toward the coming new year of 1917 as one sure to be fraught with increased growth increased business and increased prosperity. With the reduction in working hours to eight per day by the Standard Oil company, the Hercules Powder company and other factories here must come largely increased forces of workmen to supply the deficit of hours thus created, and it is estimated fully a thousand men will be needed between now and spring to fill this gap. The distribution here of a bonus of half a million dollars among the 500 Santa Fe employes also looks good, and with the constant and rapid building of homes and business blocks, it all spells more population, more business, more money and more general prosperity.

CURRY ON THE JOB

In response to a night letter from the Chamber of Commerce, asking the status of the activities of the National Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress with respect to Richmond, Congressman Curry has sent the following:

"Press dispatches only include recommendation of War Department on old approved projects under way for continuance of work. Rivers and Harbors bill not yet drawn by committee and will not be introduced for a week or two. Mr. Sparkman, chairman and members of committee advise me they are very anxious to include new projects in bill and have strong assurance of the chairman that the Richmond project will be included if any new project is put in bill. I will give you authentic information as soon as it is available.

"C. F. CURRY."

Classified Ads

FOR SALE — Five-room cottage; (green); three blocks back of the Catholic church, Stege Junction; bargain; call after 4 p. m.; C. F. Kayser. 11-17-3t*

REAL ESTATE SNAP—I want an offer on three lots on the Coleman-Pullman Tract, Richmond. Lots Nos. 30, 47 and 48 in Block 3. I am going to sacrifice these lots and will entertain any reasonable offer. Address F. J. D., Box 55, Santa Barbara, Cal. 11-17-3t

THE NEWS—Three months, 50c—The Thinkograph magazine six months, 50c—Both for 75c.

Pacific States Savings & Loan Co.
550 Cal. St., San Francisco
27 Years Old
Pays 7% on monthly Saving certificates.
W. J. EARL will be here again January, 1917.

NEW STUDIO

Having returned to Richmond and opened up a Studio at my old stand, 1108 Macdonald avenue, I will be glad to have my old friends and patrons call in and see me.

R. P. DAMMAND.

ALL SAUSAGE

Sold by us is made under government supervision except Pork Sausage which we make ourselves. Two kinds—All Pork, and Pork and Beef.

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Fast Electric Trains
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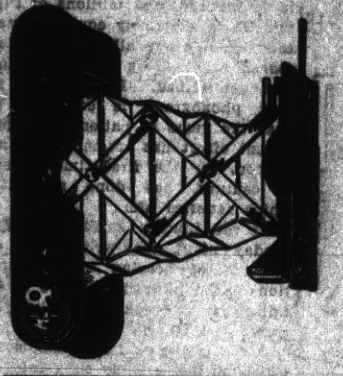
BRING US YOUR CHRISTMAS PROBLEMS

To please your best friends and give something very useful. Highland Linen Stationery is one of the many things we have.



Many a boy and girl as well as older people can get good pictures with one of these beautiful little Kodaks.

Prices $6.00 to $10.00

Call and See Our Select Line of Christmas Cards

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Painting, Paperhanging and Tinting
Indemnity Insurance
All Work Guaranteed and Prices Right
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A Christmas Reminder

The Holiday Season is fast approaching—What could be more acceptable for Father or Mother than a new pair of GLASSES?—When in doubt give an OPTICAL ORDER, a most appreciated GIFT.

Optical Service Guaranteed.

OPTICIAN Kittredge

1310 Washington St. Oakland.

HOLIDAY SATISFACTION WITH EVERY PURCHASE HERE

For the Man in Your House

Bath Robes for men and boys, Smoking Jackets; Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Arm Bands, Neckwear and Garters in fancy boxes; Silk Sox, Purses, Belts, Fancy Shirts, Slippers and many other things.

The Gift Problem Easily Solved by

WINFREE THE CLOTHIER

Light Has Selling Power of Its Own

MERCHANTS who believe in the selling power of light are invariably successful.

Brighten up your show windows, install modern electric lighting fixtures and YOU will enjoy your full share of the profitable evening trade.

Telephone 115 for a lighting expert to call withestimates.

Western States Gas & Electric Company

317 SIXTH STREET

The Richmond Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which Mrs. A. P. Wilson, is president, held their regular business meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Ducks will be prizes at a whist party to be held on the evening of the 27th by the ladies of St. Paul's Catholic church at San Pablo. Mrs. Mary Lucas and Mrs. Mary Roberts will have charge.

THE MEAT YOU EAT

YOU cannot be too careful about the quality and the cleanliness of the meat which you consume at your homes.

We employ only the most
Modern and Sanitary
Methods in the handling
Of Meats and Poultry.

How About Your Christmas Turkey?

CENTRAL AND RICHMOND MARKETS

O. R. Ludewig, Prop.

The Christmas Spirit
Is in the Air at Poulsen's

and the Holiday Shopper will find in our store a more complete and sumptuous assortment of gifts than ever before. We have this year anticipated that this will be the greatest gift-giving season in our history. We have made preparations as never before to meet every demand of the discriminating buyer. We offer below a few suggestions to aid the Christmas Shopper.

Diamonds

of that superiority of quality and beauty always associated with our name—Lavallieres, Rings, Lockets, Etc., with diamonds.

Silver Novelties

A multitude of novelties in Sterling, practical and useful gifts at all prices from one dollar up. Key Rings, Key Chains, Knives, Pencils, etc.

O. A. Poulsen

Jeweler and Optician
609 Macdonald Ave.

THE KLEMENT COMPANY
SEVENTH AND MACDONALD

TOYS!

DOLLS

Large assortment of dressed dolls—German make 8 in 25c
Domestic Dolls and rag dolls, large assortment 25c
11 1-2 in. fully dressed German doll, sleeping eyes—large assortment of colors 35c
12 in. dressed doll special 65c
Larger dolls all of German make all dressed—in assorted colors $1.00
Dolls up to $5.50 each prices less than elsewhere.

GAMES

of all kinds for young and old

Trains and track from ..... 75c up
Ives Electric Trains $5.00
Wagons, best make ..... $1.00 up
Velocipedes ..... $2.25 up
Coasters $4.50—Autos $7.50—Irish Mail $4.00
Speedmobiles ..... $1.65 up
Drums ..... 40c up
Panama Piledrivers—Sandy Andy—Mechanical Toys—Stuffed Animals—made of felt and stuffed with felt scraps 25c & 50c
Bean Bags 15c
Balls 10c
Doll Trunks ..... 85c up
Kewpies — good size 15c
Ford Autos 15c
Quacky Doodles ..... 50c up
Soldiers ..... 10c up
Doll Carriages 75c
Doll Carriages, folding $1.50
Reed doll buggies—made like the best baby carriages from $4.50 up.
Quacky Doodles — Cretonne for doll beds and doll cab covers also for all kinds of fancy work ..... 40c yd.
Pianos and doll furniture at very reasonable prices.
Ball bearing roller skates. All kinds of tree ornaments, paper bells, candles, everything for the Christmas Trees. American Builder, Meccano and other constructive and instructive toys.

WE GIVE H.C. The Big Store GREEN TRADING STAMPS

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EDISON RE-CREATES SONG

Recognizing the fact that all sound is merely vibration of the ether, and that we hear or sense it because these vibrations act upon certain sensitive parts of the human ear, Thomas Edison, the electrical wizzard, set about impounding vibration and reproducing it at will. The result was the phonograph. In its crude shape—the tin foil cylinder—it was merely a novel mechanical curiosity. But it demonstrated the wizzard's theory, and from the neucleus he evolved the Edison phonograph of today, which has reached such a state of mechanical perfection, as to reproduce with great fidelity any soond.

The word "perfection" is not in the vocabulary of the scientist. Scientists do not recognize any such thing as perfection. But in the Edison phonograph, designated primarily to reproduce faithfully the human voice, the inventor has approached it as closely as is humanly possible. The constant aim of Mr. Edison, and he has never lost sight of this in his half century of experimenting, was to absolutely reproduce—recreate. In his experimenting Mr. Edison has access to a laboratory that leaves nothing to be desired, and millions of capital. He is singularly equipped mentally and physicially for his research work, being tireless, patient and determined. In his most recent phonograph is combined all that the years of patience and persistent effort has accomplished. Mr. Edison, for the first time in half a century, has done something which satisfied him.

At the Lincoln auditorium Wednesday night the writer had the pleasure of hearing a demonstration of the repeating powers of the Edison phonograph. Mr. Glen Ellison, a singer of note, stood beside the instrument and sang songs which he had already sung into the instrument. As the melody poured forth from the phonograph, Mr. Ellison sang also. Sometimes he was mute for a few strains and then he took up the song again and followed along with the instrument. To say that it was impossible to tell the difference would be an exaggeration, perhaps; but that it was a revelation to all there can be no doubt. It was only by very close observation and attention that one could determine when Mr. Ellison was singing and when only the phonograph was "on the job," and on occasions the singer was given credit really due the phonograph.

To the mind of the writer the most remarkable feature of the entertainment was the reproduction of two violin solos on instruments of different make and timbre. It was the first time the writer had heard violin reproduction of a satisfactory character. The mellow tones of the Stardivarius and the pure vibration of the Stainer were apparent. The performers ran the gamut of tonal shading and the phonograph reproduced all with astounding fidelity.

REDUCTIONS IN H. C. OF L.

It remained for Charles Beckhaus who has charge of the grocery department of the Richmond Free Market, to hit the high cost of living a resounding slap on the wrist. If you will read his announcement elsewhere in this issue, you will see a price list that will cause you to wonder how he does it. You will naturally arrive at the conclusion that he swiped most of it when nobody was looking. But such is not the case. The fact is that he bought shrewdly on a low market for future delivery. Right now he could sell his entire stock at wholesale for more than the local retail prices. The reason he doesn't do it is that he is here to remain. Read that price list.

BE ARTISTIC

Be artistic in your selection of gifts for the discriminating members of your family or your friends. There is nothing so acceptible as jewelry, nor is there anything more artistic or so lasting. Jewelry makes for elegance and good taste, carrying with it the thought that you have selected with care and forethought. See Henry Kallmann, the arristic jeweler at 925 Macdonald, in the Elks Building.

FREE CANDY DAY

Saturday is free candy day at LeMoin's drug stores. Everybody who purchases a dollar's worth of goods will be given a box of that home-made special candy turned out by George Haas. That is the real Santa Claus spirit—something free. Drop around and get yours or send the children.

Much complaint is heard from suburban dwellers because of no water pressure or service in case of fire. A number of homes have burned lately.

Local News and Gossip

Work by the county on 23rd street outside the city limits is about finished, much to the delight of the residents of that section of the city.

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F. E. Davis, painter, can't paint much because of a bum hand, caused by an accident.

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Work continues rapidly upon two new brick blocks on Macdonald avenue between 7th and 8th.

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Burg Brothers are building several more new bungalows on their tract in East Sichmond, and the Downer Land Co. and the Bouquet & Moran Co. are both doing likewise.

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In another few days the municipal officials will pack up their belongings and move into their new city hall, donated by John Nicholl The building and land that goes with it are valued at $150,000.

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Anthony McRacken of Bakersfield, brother of W. S. McRacken, west side merchant, is visiting the McRacken home on Crest avenue.

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Mrs. Mary Picton, has been granted a divorce from her husband, Thomas Picton, on grounds of cruelty.

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Governor Hiram Johnson and the Railroad Commission have been notified of the negligent tactics of the State Highway Commission in the improvement of San Pablo avenue.

The girl's basketball team of the Richmond high school added another victory to their list by defeating the girls from Miss Heads' school of Berkeley. The score was 29-25.

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The Royal Neighbors of America held a reception at Pythian Castle Monday evening in honor of the visiting supreme officers. About 500 people were cared for by the committee in charge.

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A turkey whist party will be given this evening by the Independent Order of Foresters, for the purpose of buying Christmas baskets for the poor.

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Emery Davis was elected honorable foreman by the Olive Homestead Brotherrood of American Yeomen, at its meeting in Pythian hall. Other officers elected were J. L. Miller, master of ceremonies; Mattie J. House, correspondent; H. S. Coyer, master of accounts; Elizabeth Davis, chaplin. The new officers will be installed January 4.

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Warren Bateman Brown, formerly editor of the Richmond Terminal died at his home on Twenty-first street, Saturday. Brown was 54 years old and came to Richmond in 1901. He established the Terminal here and boosted for Richmond in the early days. Dr. Brown leaves many friends who will ever hold him in their memory. He had been ailing for a year or more. The funeral occured from the family residence Monday and the body was cremated at Oakland.

THE BIG STORE BESIEGED.

"The Big Store," conducted by the Klement Company at Seventh and Macdonald, has been besieged by Christmas shoppers the past week, and the kiddies never saw such an array of toys in all their lives. It is enough to make one's eyes start from their sockets to witness the wonderfully fine display of everything seasonable, to say nothing of the splendid array of things that are dear to the feminine heart. All roads lead to The Big Store this Christmas.

FIRST AID

The Richmond Pharmacy, conducted by Ferguson & Norton, is giving first aid to Christmas shoppers. Is there anything nicer than a box of Highland linen stationery for her? Every time she writes you will be in her thoughts. And is there anything that hits closer to the mark for a boy or a girl than a kodak? There is not.

THE WONDER PHONOGRAPH.

The Pathephone, the phonograph which plays all the disk records manufactured anywhere in the world, can be secured of LaSelle, the Richmond agent, for from $15 up to $250. It should be understood that the reproducing mechanism is the same in the low priced as in the high-priced instrument. The difference is in the finish, the character of the cabinet, etc. Drop in and get a free demonstration. Bring your own record, from any other machine, and see whether the Pathephone doesn't reproduce it better than your phonograph.

The Contra Costa Grand Jury has instructed Constable Howe of Walnut Creek to arrest the proprietor of the Contra Costa Country Club if he attempts to open the resort, which was closed some time ago by county officials.

H. C. CAPWELL CO. OAKLAND H. C. CAPWELL CO.

Capwells is now one big show room of Christmas Gifts

The store was never so cheery, its Christmas spirit never so infectious and the people never so pleased. Now that the rush days are full upn us, this great center of Oakland's gift-buying activities is amply prepared to fill your needs. Stocks are still complete and the store service prompt and efficient.

Give Capwells Merchandise Orders
They insure the Quality of the Gift
Issued for any Amount, in any Department

The Heart's Desire of Any Child Can Be Gratified in Capwells Toyland

Playthings and games; toys that put a thinking cap on a boy; others for younger children who like a "noise."

DRUMS — 6-inch size with metal slides in various colors—25c; other styles up to $5.00.
TOY PIANOS — With five keys—25c; others up to $10.
SHOO FLYS—With prettily decorated horses—85c.
IRON WAGONS—All sizes—65c to $3.00.
WOOD WAGONS—$1.25 to $7.00.
REAL FARM WAGONS—With seat, shafts and tongue—$11.50.
DOLL CABS—Collapsible and reed—35c to $11.50.
DOLL BEDS AND CRADLES—Big array of styles and sizes—35c to $6.00.
PAINTED SOLDIER SETS—25c to $3.50.
BUNGALOW BUILDING BLOCKS—25c to $1.00.

Thousands of Handkerchiefs

Yes, tens of thousands—a veritable mountain, were they all to be piled up in one great heap. We selected them so many months ago that we secured a wonderful variety of styles and patterns.

FOR WOMEN

Plain hemmed Handkerchiefs .....5c to 50c
Hand embroidered Handkerchiefs 12 1-2c to $5.00
Initialed Handkerchiefs .....5c to 50c

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

In cunning containers such as baskets, cash registers and purses. Two or three handkerchiefs in a package—15c 25c and 50c package.

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS

Madeira hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs..... 50c to $3.50
Lawn and Linen Initial.....3 for 25c to 50c
Hemstitched .....5c to 50c

Gifts for the Home

CHILDREN'S REED ROCKERS—In various styles. From $2.75 to $4.75.
SEWING STANDS FOR THE WOMEN FOLK—Carefully made of substantial reed—$2.75 to $3.00.
MUFFIN STANDS—Of good quality reed—$4.50.
LARGE REED ROCKER—The essence of comfort—$6.25 to $15.00.
TABLE LAMPS—Of reed with handsome shades in any color you wish. Each—$9.50.
WHITE CEDAR BOXES—Artistically covered with cretonne in pretty and colorful designs—Prices ..... $4.00 to $7.50
GERMAN REED BASKETS—Make delightfully acceptable Christmas gifts. In a very large assortment of shapes and sizes. Priced from—$1.00 to $1.75.

Waist and Dress Patterns

Silks, woolen goods and dainty voiles and silk-mixed materials, also fancy crepe (boxed)—75c to $9.00.

Blouses for Women's Gifts

We have assembled a beautiful assortment of blouses for gift giving—lovely Georgette Crepes, Crepe de Chine, Silk and allover lace models that combine beauty with good service.

Dainty evening and street shades—blouses for every occasion packed in holiday boxes. Prices $3.95 to $22.50

Christmas Jewelry--Daintily Boxed

CHILDREN'S LOCKETS—Gold filled; in round, oval and heart shapes. Priced from—75c to $5.00.

Cuff Links, Lavallieres, Beauty Pins, Bar Pins and Spof Pins, all daintily boxed—waiting to be sent for gifts to your friends. Priced at—50c.

Jewelry Department—First Floor.

Shop Early in the Day and Do It NOW

Capwells

Clay, 14th and 15th Streets Oakland

Give Her a Silk Waist or Dress Pattern